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Villages to get connected to 'ultrafast' broadband

Residents and business in the villages of Upottery, Churchinford and Ford Street will be among the first to be connected to a new "ultrafast" broadband as Gigaclear starts installation of its pure fibre network during the next few weeks.

Many of the villages in the Blackdown Hills has suffered slow internet speeds for many years, with government funded projects to introduce faster fibre networks failing to reach many communities.

However, a privately funded project from broadband providers Gigaclear means that these areas will now be connected to a fibre network capable of reaching "ultrafast" speeds, with many homes and businesses having access of internet speeds of up to 1Gbps.

Gigaclear say this will put the Blackdown Hills at the centre of the largest single pure fibre broadband network in the UK with an investment of more than £62million.

"The delivery of our pure fibre network to these areas is vital for the community", said Brett Shepherd, Chief Operating Officer at Gigaclear.

"This will have a huge impact on those living and working in these rural villages, who have long needed better broadband. Having access to speeds of up to 1Gbps will be life changing for the individuals and businesses in the region, and we are truly grateful for their support as we begin building a futureproof, 100 per cent pure fibre network. Once connected, residents in these villages will be able to say that they are among the best connected in the entire country, which is a step in the right direction for rural broadband."

Gigaclear has confirmed that the villages of Upottery, Churchinford and Ford Street will be among the first to be connected in the county to Gigaclear's 1,000Mbps ultrafast fibre-to-the-property (FTTP) network. The full schedule of Gigaclear's rollout, through CDS and commercially, will also be available later this year.

Graham Long, Upottery Parish Councillor, said: "The government conducted a study in 2013 which shows that the provision of ultrafast fibre broadband generates a return of £20 to the local economy for every £1 invested in fast fibre networks and we can expect such benefits to be seen in the rural Blackdown Hills.

"Fast fibre gives residents and businesses access to the

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Helping feed the hungry and homeless this winter

A BLACKDOWN Hills egg producer has joined forces with a local charity to help feed Taunton's homeless this winter.

Eggs are a good form of protein and keep you fuller for longer. So when Blackdown Hills Westcountry Eggs, based near Buckland St Mary, Chard, heard about the well reported problem of homelessness on the streets of Taunton, they decided to do their bit to help.

In a bid to help, the farm has delivered 720 free range eggs to the charity.

"There are certain times in the year when we have a surfeit of eggs, January being one such month, and having heard that Open Door day centre in Taunton was doing such a great job of supplying those of us who are less fortunate with breakfast and dinner each day, we couldn't think of a better place to donate them," said Deb Cottey, owner of the award winning family owned poultry farm. "Having seen the difference this has made we are hoping to do this on a regular basis now."

The Taunton based charity daily offers full English breakfasts and lunches to about 20-25 people who are rough sleeping in the town.

Centre manager Mark Woodcock, said: "There is usually a queue of people waiting for us to open in the mornings and we are delighted to be able to give them a delicious breakfast straightaway, after they have been outside all night.

"Having eaten, people then busy themselves with showers, laundry, phone calls, computer use and interviews as a first step towards stable accommodation.

"After lunch we then have more focused sessions such as a music group or a 'Healthy Cooking on a Budget' class, for those who are moving into accommodation.

"This gift of eggs has made a big immediate difference for us, both financially and also in the encouragement of knowing that Taunton's homeless are remembered by the wider community.

"Thank you so much Blackdown Hills Westcountry Eggs.

"We just need someone else to help with the sausages and bacon now!"

MARK Woodcock (Centre Manager) and Anne Bradley (senior volunteer) with Adam Cook, Maintenance Manager at the Fam

Pupils celebrate opening of new school library

STOCKLAND Primary Academy celebrated the opening of their new library recently with guests, poetry and a traditional ribbon cutting.

The event marked the end of a project to convert an old shed into a library space in order to create a space for children to enjoying choosing and reading books.

Principal David Perkins thanked all those responsible for raising funds for the project including the PTFA of the school who organised a festival during the summer term to raise almost £5,500.

Other parties that contributed to the library were Honiton Lions, Axe Vale Festival, Stockland Educational Trust and Stockland Fair Committee.

Work will now continue to raise money to ensure the new library is stocked with a range of quality books for the children to read.

Pictured are pupils, teachers and supporters of the school joined together to open the new library at Stockland Academy

Fire service launches recruitment campaign

FOR the first time in eight years, Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service will be recruiting full-time firefighters.

The role of a firefighter has changed dramatically, even in recent years, with so much more to the role than putting out fires.

Assistant Chief Fire Office Glenn Askew explained the current situation: "We expect so much more of our firefighters in terms of their ability to adapt to a huge range of incident types and community work. One day a firefighter can be pulling people from fast flowing water and the next keeping our most vulnerable members of the community safe in their homes with our home fire safety checks."

Firefighters are on hand to respond to emergencies 24/7 meaning shift work is essential. There are many different roles that make up the service and each one works together to deliver the essential community and response services as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Mr Askew added: "We want to ensure that our workforce reflects both the community and the mix of skills and qualities required to do the job. For this recruitment process we particularly welcome applications from women as they are under-represented in our operational service. We also welcome applications from people who are Black, Asian or minority ethnic as they are also under-represented in our workforce and encourage everyone to see what the fire and rescue service can offer in terms of a challenging and interesting career."

The training will take place in August and all applicants needs to be 18 or over by August 2017.

Mr Askew concluded by saying: "There are so many opportunities in the fire and rescue service for staff to progress their career.

"You can be a specialist in a number of areas and there is a career path that can lead you all the way to Chief Fire Officer, I have never looked back and have loved every minute of being in the fire and rescue service."

Email wtrecruitment@dsfire.gov.uk for more information.

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Couple found dead on Dunkeswell farm

Police suspect murder-suicide after two bodies discovered

POLICE have launched an investigation in to a suspected murder-suicide following the discovery of the bodies of a man and a woman at a property, near Honiton.

Officers attended an address in Dunkeswell on the evening of January 4th, after concerns were raised regarding the welfare of a man and woman.

On arrival officers found the 62-year-old man, named locally as Michael Beck and his 52-year-old wife named locally as Nicola, deceased.

Detectives have launched an enquiry into the circumstances surrounding both deaths, which are being treated as a domestic related murder and suicide. The next of kin have been informed.

Police confirmed that no one else was present at the house at the time of the incident.

A scene guard remained at the property while a forensic examination and searches are conducted.

Detective Inspector Steve Davies, from the Major Crime Unit, said last month: "We are conducting house-to-house enquiries and have been carrying out searches at the premises today.

"We are not looking for any other person in connection with this isolated incident and can confirm that no other person was present at the premises at the time of this incident."

Neighbours say the couple lived together at the property, a five-bedroom farmhouse set in 55 acres of land.

Records show that Mr Beck was the director of three property businesses and also a fishery owner, landlord, cabinet maker and mature student.

The couple reportedly shared their time between Devon and London, but the house in Dunkeswell had been on the market for a long time. Records show it was currently under offer for £895,000.

The couple's London home was in Fulham and their next door neighbour, veteran actress Gillian Rossiter said they were not often at their London home - but she never heard them row when they were.

The 90-year-old said: "I know they had a place in Devon. That is dreadful. I honestly don't know much about them because they weren't here very often. They were very civil neighbours, and we always helped each other out if necessary."

Police are appealing to anyone who may have information in relation to this incident. Please contact police on 101, quoting reference 0229 040117.

POLICE on the scene at Abbey Mill Farm. Photo: SWNS

Derelict pub is destroyed by huge blaze

A DERELICT pub in the Blackdown Hills has been destroyed by fire.

Police are investigating what they believe to be an arson attack on the Merry Harriers pub at Forches Corner, Clayhidon.

The pub was gutted following the incident on Sunday, December 18th.

Three fire engines from Wellington and Taunton were sent to reports of a fire at a derelict pub near Wellington. When the first appliance arrived they immediately requested two additional appliances and a water carrier.

Firefighters battled the blaze through the evening and into the following morning.

The fire gutted the building and firefighters reported structural collapse had taken place.

Police also attended the incident due the building's close proximity to the main road.

The incident is now being investigated as arson.

This is the second fire to take place at the pub in the past five months. Fire crews tackled a blaze in July last year not long after the pub closed.

Investigating officer Detective Sergeant Darren Lipscomb said: "We believe the fire was started deliberately at around 10pm and we are treating it as arson.

"Thankfully the building was empty so nobody was hurt but significant damage was caused.

"As part of our investigation we're keen to speak to anyone who witnessed anything suspicious around the time.

"Did you drive past and perhaps see a vehicle parked next to the building or see people standing nearby?

"If you saw or heard anything out of the ordinary then please get in touch."

Anyone with information is asked to call 101 and provide the call handler with the reference number 5216280689.

'Ultrafast' broadband comes to Upottery and Churchinford

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same services and technology that people have hitherto had to travel to the centre of large cities for, but we will soon be able to do the same from our homes in the tranquillity of the Blackdown Hills."

■ IT was also announced in December that Gigaclear has been awarded the contract by Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) to deliver broadband to 55,000 homes.

Brett Shepherd said: "As a result of the CDS contract win we've also been able to expand our own rollout and now hope to reach a further 3,000 properties, more than double the number included within our initial plans for the Blackdown Hills.

"This is a positive step towards delivering a pure fibre to the premises (FTTP) network to as many homes and business in the area as possible."

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Hemyock WI

HEMYOCK WI celebrated their 12th birthday enjoying an excellent meal at the Martlett.

The president and secretary were able to deal with some business matters. The president the said there was a change of plans for the February meeting and the monthly competition would be for a 'Tea Pot'.

Hemyock WI meet at the Parish Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. More details from the president on 01823 680104.

Pictured below and right are the ladies of Hemyock WI enjoying birthday celebrations.

Smeatharpe WI

AFTER getting in the Christmas mood with a card making evening in November, the following month found members of Smeatharpe WI and their other halves donning their finery for an excellent Christmas dinner at Lakeview Manor.

The food and service were exemplary, and the ladies all went home with a gift of their jam and chutney recipes (from the September meeting) bound into a little hardback book.

The new year began on Thursday, January 12th with a talk from Lynn Churchill on nutrition and healthy eating. The main messages were to eat real foods, i.e. nothing carrying an ingredients label, to know where your food comes from, and to avoid added sugar. It was reassuring to learn that butter is our friend, and red wine good for our heart, and interesting to know that we need to feed the 5lb of bacteria that live in our guts as well as ourselves.

It was an enjoyable and interactive session.

The next meeting, on Thursday, February 2nd, is the annual coffee morning and 'bring and buy', which this year is taking place at Church Farm, Otterford at 10.30am. Visitors are welcome to this, and to the following meeting on Thursday, March 2nd at 7.30 at Smeatharpe Village Hall when Deb Criddle will be giving a talk entitled 'Riding to the Olympics.' For further information visit www.smeatharpewi.weebly.com or give the secretary Virginia Roach a call on 01823 601489.

Clayhidon Ladies

THE last meeting of the year was a chance to have a social occasion and enjoy a three course meal with guests in the beautifully decorated hall.

Many thanks go to Heather Procter who provided delicious soup, cold meats and salads, Linda Dalton who made excellent quiches and Freda Dewar who made the traditional Christmas pudding.

On the first meeting of the New Year the Clayhidon Ladies braved the threat of snow to meet at the parish hall for the January meeting and partake in a quiz night. The 'evil' questions were compiled by Ruth Tartaglia and our Quiz Master was Anne Langford. Brains were tested over the tricky questions, with good humoured banter amongst the group.

The winners were Heather and Linda. Much laughter and congratulations were handed out and commiserations to the ones who didn't do so well. They and the runners up all received prizes.

The refreshments this month were provided by Tina and Sarah. To ease us away gently from our Christmas extravagances, mulled wine or mulled apple juice was produced to start with. After the quiz marvellous sausage rolls, cheese straws and melt in the mouth brownies were welcomed and washed down with a hot beverage.

Because of the weather they didn't linger for long, all anxious to be round our own hearthside before the snow materialised. Luckily it only came to a light flurry.

This month members were pleased to welcome Diane and hope she enjoyed her first encounter with The Clayhidon Ladies. New members are always welcomed.

The group is a very informal, friendly group and every month they have a talk from very interesting visitors.

There is an outing in the summer, where partners come alone also. The year is finished off with the December meeting, where partners are invited to join members for a Christmas meal.

The group meet on the 2nd Thursday in the month at Clayhidon Parish Hall, 7.15pm.

Anyone who would like more information are asked to telephone Anne Langford on 01823 680086.

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13) Community recycling banks for many more types of materials than current kerbside services allow.

It is important for all of us to challenge developers and builders to "up their game" when it come to new housing and developments.

These are just a few ideas, I am sure that you could come up with more.

If you want to discuss these ideas and more, please join us at our next meeting. (Wednesday 1st March 2017 - please call me for venue details)

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Blackdown Woodland Ramblings

By John Greenshields

WHEN visiting woodlands I am always amazed in the dedication some have for their woods, but sometimes this can cause problems with the management of certain types of woodland.

Some new owners contact me in a frantic state worried that they should be doing something straight away, while this is admirable there is no need to do anything straight away. Even if it is a new planting you should always plan ahead as trees are by nature slow growing and one does not want to do anything out of hast.

If you are unsure, seek expert advice as, once you cull a tree, that's it you can't put it back, well at least not straight away. Firstly, think what you want out of your woods. It could be recreation, wildlife, woodfuel or all of these things. The woodland trust (of which I am a volunteer advisor) has loads of advice on its website and, if you are local, I can come out free of charge funded by the Woodland Association.

I have just had some oak windows made to replace the old ones in our farm house. The house is 500-years-old and the window we are replacing are almost certainly made from local wood. So it seems appropriate that the wood for our new ones come from our woods as indeed the original probably did. It's very satisfying using your own wood, I am not a carpenter so I got a local chap to make them and I have to say they look great.

I am a great believer in knowing what's in your woodland. By that I mean usable timber at any one time. I have all my major timber tree mapped and listed on my computer so that the tree can stay alive till it has a specific purpose. By that I mean there is no point in cutting a tree down just because it is mature (conifers aside).

We recently converted a barn and for that we needed 4 x 400 x400 x 8m beams, so I was able to match tree to job with virtually no waste.

It's still not too late to plant trees. The woodland Trust have some great deals and funding for communities, we are cutting down more trees than we are planting so find a spot and pop one in!

See the Woodland Association's website www.woodbiz.co.uk

Tractor club support for charities

TWO cheques for £1,300 each were presented at Chardstock Vintage Tractor and Machinery Club's Christmas meal at St Andrews Primary School on December 10th.

The event was well attended by more than 70 members and friends – and representatives from the club's two chosen charities (Cancer research UK and Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Trust) received the cheques.

Club chairman Robert Waldron: "Thank you to all involved in making this and other club events a success in 2016."

Pictured left to right, back row: Robert Waldron, David Moss, Denis Rockett, Les Harris, Simon Burrough. Front: Philip Loveridge. Janet Rowe, John Crew.

Bowls club curry fundraiser

DUNKESWELL bowls club are raising funds for a new carpet.

To raise the money they are holding a two-course curry evening in Dunkeswell Village hall on February 14th at 7pm.

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Plans for 'garden village' will bring 5,000 new homes to edge of the hills

THE Culm Valley has been proposed as a site for one of England's first "garden village".

Ministers have lent their support to 14 planned developments across England which will each deliver between 1,500 and 10,000 properties and establish new villages.

The new garden villages will have access to a £6million fund over the next two financial years to support the delivery of these new projects.

The government also announced a garden town near Taunton, which will receive a slice of £1.4 million of funding to support its delivery.

Housing and Planning Minister Gavin Barwell said: "Locally-led garden towns and villages have enormous potential to deliver the homes that communities need. New communities not only deliver homes, they also bring new jobs and facilities and a big boost to local economies.

"These places combined could provide almost 200,000 homes."

The garden village on the edge of Cullompton, will have the capacity for 5,000 homes with 2,100 set to be built by 2033.

Developers want to construct a relief road to run through Cullompton and reopen the town's railway station.

The village will include starter homes, affordable housing, schools, shops and commercial space as well as an open area with a sports hub.

The project is being developed by Lightwood, on behalf of the landowners and is the result of close consultation with Mid Devon District Council, local council and the Cullompton community.

School debates big issues in competition

THE Wellington School Philosophy Team returned to King's College, Taunton, recently in a bid to retain its trophy as winners of the Inter-School Philosothon competition.

The team of 11 young philosophers from years nine-11 dazzled and impressed a range of judges with their insightful contributions to discussions but alas ultimately had to surrender the much loved trophy to Bristol Grammar School on the evening.

The Philosothon is a philosophy competition judged by leading Professors and lecturers in philosophy. The idea is new to the UK and was born in Australia in 2007.

The fourth ever Inter-School Philosothon was held at King's College, Taunton with a large number of participating schools from around the region.

The team, which spanned Year 9 to Year 13, consisted of Reyhan Taraq, Will Davis, Hamish Hunter, Marianne Baly, Dak Natakala, Lizzy Fanshawe, Edmund Tallack, Freddie

Renyard, Sophie Bennett, Isabel Elliott and Amy Green.

The team were given a number of philosophical stimuli - this year these included a Dostoevsky passage and a lesser known issue raised by the Charlie Hebdo attack - which they had to discuss whilst being judged by teams of eminent philosophers.

The Wellington team, though separated throughout, performed at a very high level in each of their groups and scored highly for their ability to articulate conceptual difficulties as well as include and carefully build on the ideas of others within their groups.

FOR the last decade a joint campaign between Age UK and Innocent drinks has seen mini hats appearing on drink bottles in supermarkets.

The campaign has raised vital funds to help vulnerable older folk as every behatted bottle sees 25p donated to the charity.

The money raised has provided funding for both local and national projects to help older people keep the cold at bay and stay well through warm meals, cold weather support, and befriending visits along with other vital services.

The Big Knit has seen hundreds of knitters trying to reach the 2016/17 target of £2million mini hats.

One of these is Janice Bawler of Hemyock who recently handed 100 hats into the Taunton Age UK shop.

She said: "Knitting has never been a strong point of mine but the variety of patterns suggested means that even a novice like me is able to enjoy the work knowing that Age UK will benefit and customers who purchase a bottle will have a smile brought to their face."

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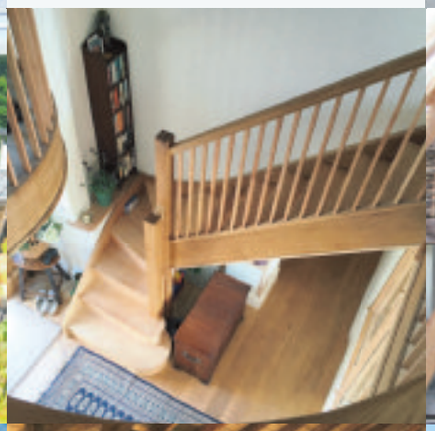

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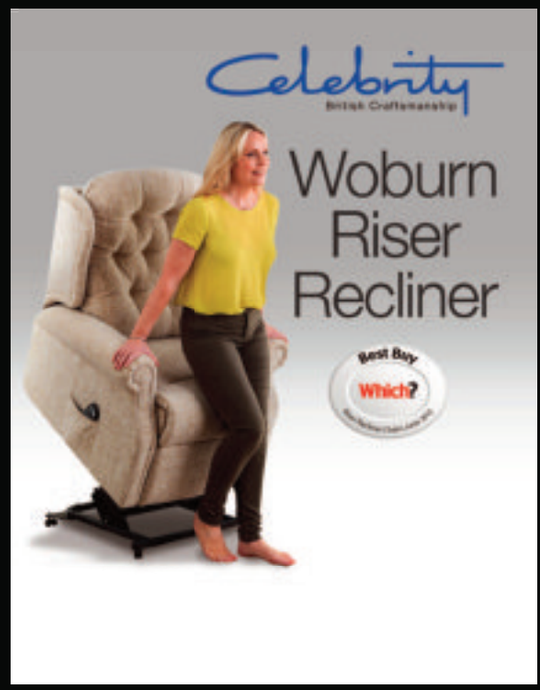

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The choir boy and the brickie

THE Opera Dudes are coming to Sheldon Village Hall this February.

"We get a lot of blokes coming up to us at the end of the show," says Tim Lole, one half of the duo. "They say, ' I hate opera. Only came 'cause my wife dragged me. But I absolutely loved it'."

Tim said: "The show has everything from swing to show tunes to slapstick comedy, but it's that encounter with opera, having the Pearl Fishers and Nessun Dorma sung at you full blast, that people find totally irresistible."

Tim Lole and Neil Allen, two halves of the Opera Dudes, who are touring Devon through the arts charity Villages in Action, are an unlikely coupling. Tim was a choir boy turned organist and prize-winning conductor who worked at the Royal Opera House and Scottish Opera, where he conducted The Turn of the Screw, broadcast on the BBC. Neil on the other hand, was a bricklayer.

"Neil was a builder who sang in pubs and clubs until people told him he wasn't as good as he thought he was. He got singing lessons and his teacher, Michelle Wegwart, realised he had the potential to be a very fine tenor.

Aged 30, Neil sold his building business and set up a school, The Magdala Opera Trust, so that he could get an operatic training and fulfil his dream."

Since then, Neil has sung with the City of London Sinfonia and the Orchestra of Opera North as a principal soloist, to name but two. His oratorios have included The Messiah, Verdi's Requiem and Mozart's C minor.

The two tenors paired up after meeting through Neil's teacher, Michelle, who is now his wife.

At first Tim and Neil performed classical concerts and dinner evenings, but the more they chatted with audiences, and let their personalities come out, the more they realised there was scope for comedy in their show. The Opera Dudes were born.

"We're like Il Divo meets Morecambe and Wise. Our show is very interactive and unpretentious. We always get the audience singing, but don't let that put you off!"

The song list is a truly eclectic mix: a mash-up of Verdi, Lloyd Webber, Chopin and Elvis.

Although their natural habitat, as accomplished tenors, is the vaulting architecture of an opera house, Tim and Neil really relish the intimacy of a village hall.

"I think rural touring is amazing for both performers and audiences," Tim said.

"For us, it's a chance to test our mettle. When you stand in front of 90 people, who all know each other and you're the newbie, you've got to

be able to do your job. There's no bells and whistles in a village hall. It sorts the men from the boys!"

Opera Dudes perform at Sheldon Village Hall at 7.30pm on February 16th (tickets on 01404 841 367).

To browse the full programme of village hall shows organised by Villages in Action, and to support ongoing tours to Devon by international talent please visit www.villagesinaction.co.uk.

Captain Fantastic film choice for movie club

AN eccentric family drops out of normal life and sets up home "off-grid" in the wilds.

That's the story of *Captain Fantastic* (15), the latest choice for Clayhidon Film Night, on Friday, February 3rd.

Viggo Mortensen has been Oscar nominated for his role as "one of the great all-time movie dads", who attempts to create a Utopia for his six children in the Pacific Northwest.

The dedicated outdoorsman rears them to fend for themselves, growing and hunting their own food. The Cash family reject capitalism, the American way of life and religion, celebrating the birth of Chomsky instead of Christmas

"He may not be a superhero, but in terms of imagination, this captain really can fly," Mark Kermode wrote in The Guardian, who calls it "a strange and wonderful tale" with "thrillingly life affirming" characters

Why not join us on Friday for what promises to be another excellent evening's entertainment at Clayhidon Parish Hall? Doors open 7pm. The film starts at 7.30. There'll be ice cream, popcorn, a licensed bar and a warm and friendly atmosphere. You can usually buy tickets (£6) at the door, but if you'd like to make sure of a seat call Lucy Ball on 01823 680607 or email lucyball132@btinternet.com

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